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## **Tunisia**

### **Grain and Feed**

### **Revised Wheat PS&D**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**MY2002/2003 wheat production is lower than expected due to the worsening of the drought.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

Unscheduled Report

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As requested by USDA FAS cable 56557, Ag Tunis is submitting a revised wheat PS&D for Tunisia.

Since the latest one submitted on June, 4th within our 2002 Grain and Feed Annual report, a tougher drought than previously expected devastated the 2002 wheat harvest.

According to the most recent official figures, wheat production is forecast to reach about 0.43 MMT, thus showing a sharp drop from the 1.12 MMT production recorded last year.

Therefore, Tunisian MY 2002/2003 import demand for wheat is forecast to be markedly higher than the previous MY to bridge this production gap.

However, US. wheat market share is likely to remain marginal as a consequence of a purely price-sensitive purchasing policy implemented by the Office of Cereals, the state-run cereals board and the availability of cheaper wheat originating from FSU countries (late August Office of Cereals announced a 300,000 ton soft wheat purchase from Ukraine, Russia and other FSU countries at prices between US\$ 110.64 and US\$ 120.98 a ton C&F).

AgTunis will send a revised Import Trade Matrix shortly.

PSD Table						
Country:	Tunisia					
Commodity:	Wheat					
		2000		2001		2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Harvested	650	910	950	825	840	300
Beginning Stocks	800	733	857	857	717	631
Production	750	1320	1131	1120	700	430
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1300	1390	1329	1254	1450	1800
Jul-Jun Imports	1300	1390	1329	1254	1450	1800
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	250	45	45	100	100
TOTAL SUPPLY	2850	3443	3317	3231	2867	2861
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	100	186	200	200	200	200
Jul-Jun Exports	100	186	194	194	200	200
Feed Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2500	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400
Ending Stocks	250	857	717	631	267	261
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2850	3443	3317	3231	2867	2861